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Books for bulk exchange in advance should be sent in during the week beginning 30th June.

Envelopes containing books for exchange should be so endorsed.

After 19th July the Bureau will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

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District Secretary.

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## ROSE DAY

### BROADSTAIRS COLLECTION

A sum of £40 4s. 9½d. was collected at Broadstairs on Saturday, when the annual sale of Alexandra roses took place.

The collection was organised by Mrs. B. J. Pearson, wife of the chairman of the Council, who thanks all who assisted.

Donations included £5 from Mr. W. Gulland, of Broadstairs, and individual collections were:

Miss Clarke, 17s. 9½d.; Mrs. Clements, 8s. 6d.; Miss Pat McNally, 13s. 7d.; Mrs. Sherred, £2 3s. 2d.; Mrs. Green, £1 4s. 8½d.; Mrs. Boucher, 12s. 6d.; Miss G. Jarman, £3 4s. 1½d.; Miss Allen, £1 3s. 0½d.; Miss White, £1 10s. 9½d.; Miss Bridges, £2 7s. 4½d.; Mrs. Saunders, £2; Mrs. Shelley, 18s.; Mrs. Ware, £1 4s. 5½d.; Miss Summers, 16s. 5½d.; Mrs. Goodson, £1 13s. 10d.; Mrs. Woodin, £1 0s. 2½d.; Mrs. Weir, £1 2s. 5½d.; Mrs. Ovenden, 16s. 11½d.; Mrs. Hancock, £1 19s. 6½d.; Miss Rosemary Allen, 12s. 11½d.; Mrs. Appleton, £2 10s. 0½d.; Miss Joyce Lawrence, 16s. 9½d.; Miss Holton, 17s. 7d.; Mrs. Black, £1 4s. 11d.; Miss Vyse, 11s. 7d.; Mrs. Padbury, 8s. 8d.; Lane's Library, 3s. 5d.; Mrs. Wigginton, £1 4s. 6½d.; Miss Warren, 17s. 4d.

## TRIPPED OVER RUG

### MINSTER WOMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned at an inquest conducted by Mr. A. K. Mowll, Deputy Coroner for East Kent, at Minster Salvation Army Hall on Saturday, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Louisa Cox, an 83-year-old widow, of Sydney House, Monkton-road.

Mrs. Cox died the previous day following a fall in her room six days earlier, and it was stated that although she was able to do her own cooking and shopping she was liable to falls.

Mrs. Eliza Sarah Mirams, daughter, of Crescent-road, Margate, said she visited her mother once a week. On Wednesday she received a message as a result of which she visited her mother, who was then in bed. Mrs. Cox told witness she had had a fall, and said she had tripped over the corner of a rug.

Prior to the fall, said witness, her mother was in comparatively good health, although she was not robust. She had not been attended by a doctor for some time but her legs were swollen and she suffered from dropsy.

Mr. John P. Goodsell, farm labourer, of Sydney House, Monkton-road, said he was dozing in a downstairs room at about 3 p.m. on Saturday, 14th June, when he was awakened by a commotion. A few seconds later there was a knocking on the floor above, and his daughter went upstairs to see what had happened. Witness followed her and found Mrs. Cox lying on the floor.

Replying to the Coroner, Mr. Goodsell said "When I arrived there was a saucepan on the floor. There were some potatoes in the saucepan and some on the floor and Mrs. Cox had apparently fallen while she was taking the saucepan off the fire."

Mrs. Cox was assisted to bed, although she said she would be all right in a chair.

Mrs. Emily Goodsell, wife of the previous witness, said she was out at the time of the fall. When she returned Mrs. Cox told her that she fell as she was taking the saucepan from the fire. Mrs. Cox said she had the saucepan in one hand and a plate in the other.

As Mrs. Cox had a bruise on her head witness summoned a doctor and informed Mrs. Cox's relatives.

"You seem to have done the correct thing," said the Coroner.

Dr. R. J. Harris, acting Medical Officer, said when he saw Mrs. Cox the same day she had bruises on the forehead, right hand and arm. Both legs were swollen. Examination showed a disease of the heart. Mrs. Cox was shocked, but progress was normal until Thursday.

She told him she had caught her foot in a rug.

Death was due to advanced mitral disease, accelerated by the shock of the fall.

The Coroner expressed his sympathy with the relatives.

## THE DOG ESCAPED

### FAILED TO IMMOBILISE CAR

Concern lest his Alsatian dog should bite someone cost Walter Gore, aged 60, general dealer, of Montefiore Villa, Trinity-place, the sum of 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Gore, who was summoned for failing to immobilise his car, wrote stating that he had been out on business and when he returned to the yard he got out to open the gate. His Alsatian dog ran out. He was anxious lest it should bite someone and was delayed in getting it back. He was usually very careful about the car.

S/C Sharp said he found the car in Trinity-place at 9.50 p.m. on 9th June. The doors were unlocked and the car had not been immobilised. He removed the rotor arm and took it to the police station.

Acting Chief Inspr. Hicks said there were a number of previous convictions against defendant but none for motoring offences for the past 13 years.

## COLLAPSED IN STREET

### MARGATE WOMAN'S DEATH

The funeral will take place at Margate Cemetery to-morrow of Mrs. Emily Manning, wife of Mr. W. H. Manning, of The Glen, Danesmead-terrace, who died while out walking last week.

Fifty-three years of age, Mrs. Manning collapsed while out with her daughter, Mrs. D. Smith. She died before reaching hospital. A post-mortem examination held on Saturday revealed that death was due to natural causes.

Mrs. Manning came to Margate from Croydon 22 years ago. She leaves a widower, two daughters and three sons, one of whom, Mr. Leslie Manning, has been reported missing while serving with the Merchant Navy.

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## SLEEPERS ESCAPE

### NIGHT RAID DAMAGE

Four houses, three of which were unoccupied, were demolished by a bomb which was dropped by a single German raider over a south-east coast town on Monday night.

Three other bombs fell in the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tutt, whose home was demolished, were sleeping in a garden shelter and escaped unhurt, while in an adjoining house, the wall of which was split, were Mr. J. H. Pocock and Mr. Ben Richards. Mr. Pocock was in bed and Mr. Richards, who was standing at the window when the bomb fell, dived under the bed and was unhurt.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Pocock's son have helped in the rescue of several German airmen shot down into the sea.

## ROBBED HER NEIGHBOUR

### MARRIED WOMAN BOUND OVER

A young married woman who stole a purse from her neighbour's house was bound over for six months by the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mrs. Violet Annie Philpott, aged 34, of Percy-road, pleaded guilty to stealing a purse containing a 10s. note and 10s. in silver and copper, the property of Ivy May Williams, on 19th May.

D/C Ashby said he saw defendant at her home on 20th May and told her he was making inquiries concerning the theft of a black leather purse from the house next door. Defendant denied all knowledge of the matter. He subsequently saw her on 26th May, when she made a statement.

In the statement defendant said that on 19th May she took some books to Mrs. Williams' house next door. She went into a room used as a bed-sitting-room and saw a purse on a chair just inside the door. She was short of money and the temptation was too great for her. She was not sure how much money was in the purse but knew it contained a 10s. note and some silver. She destroyed the purse by putting it on the fire.

In reply to one of the magistrates, defendant said she had a son aged 10 and a daughter aged 16.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the magistrates were taking a lenient view of the case in view of the fact that defendant had two children. She would be bound over for six months in her own recognisances in the sum of £2 and would be under the supervision of the Probation Officer, Miss Robinson. One of the conditions was that she should repay the £1 and she would also have to pay 15s. costs.

Defendant was allowed three weeks in which to pay.

## HUSBAND'S PROTEST

### ARREARS UNDER MAINTENANCE ORDER

"I can't possibly pay. I shall have to go to prison, that's all," said William Darby, of Pysons-road, who was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Monday for being £28 in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife, Mrs. Doris Amelia Darby, and their two children.

Mrs. Darby said the order, made in February, 1940, was for the payment of 10s. a week for herself and 5s. in respect of each of the two children. Her husband joined the Army but was invalided out in January this year owing to a wound. She had been in communication with the Ministry of Pensions, who had informed her that she would receive 7s. 10d. a week if respect of herself and the children if her husband kept up his payments under the court order.

Darby said he received a pension of 14s. 8d. a week and was earning £2 a week. He had a house rent free.

In reply to one of the magistrates defendant said a single woman, by whom he had one child, was keeping house for him.

The chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the order of the court was that defendant should continue to pay 10s. a week in respect of his wife and 5s. in respect of each of the children. The case would be adjourned for a month to see how he paid.

Mr. Perry explained that he would pay over to his wife 15s. a week in cash. This would be added to the 7s. 10d. pension allowance and the arrears would thus be reduced by 2s. 10d. a week.

Darby: It's impossible. I can't do it.

## BLACK-OUT TIMES

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| To-day | ... 11.6 p.m.—4.58 a.m. |
| Wednesday | .. 11.6 p.m.—4.58 a.m. |
| Thursday | ... 11.6 p.m.—4.59 a.m. |
| Friday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.0 a.m. |
| Saturday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.0 a.m. |
| Sunday | ... 11.5 p.m.—5.1 a.m. |
| Monday | ... 11.4 p.m.—5.1 a.m. |

## MR. J. C. GRUMMANT

### DEATH OF RAMSGATE EX-COUNCILLOR

A member of Ramsgate Town Council for 12 years, Mr. Joseph Charles Grummant, of The Acre, London-road, Ramsgate, passed away at Boscombe, on Friday, at the age of 71.

Mr. Grummant had been living at Boscombe for the past 12 months. He had been unwell for some time but he visited Ramsgate only three weeks before his death.

Mr. Grummant was a son of the late Mr. Joseph Grummant, who came to Ramsgate 65 years ago and built some houses in Codrington-road. Mr. Grummant was educated at St. George's College, now known as Wellstood House. When the father retired 30 years ago Mr. Grummant and his brother, Mr. Alfred T. Grummant, carried on the business of Grummant Bros., from which they both retired about ten years later.

Mr. J. C. Grummant's son, Mr. Fred Grummant, is now a director of the firm.

In his younger days Mr. Grummant was a keen cricketer, playing for St. George's C.C. He also took a keen interest in angling and was a prominent member of the Ramsgate Club.

Mr. Grummant was a member of Ramsgate Town Council from 1920 to 1932, when he represented the St. Lawrence Ward. He had occupied the position of chairman of the Works Committee, where his practical experience as a builder proved a useful asset.

He was defeated by Councillor T. H. Prestedge at the municipal election in November, 1932.

A prominent Freemason, Mr. Grummant was a Past Master of the Lewises Lodge (No. 1209) and was accorded Provincial Honours as P.G. Supt. Wks. in 1930.

Mr. Grummant, who leaves one son and one daughter, was predeceased by his wife six years ago.

The funeral takes place at Ramsgate Cemetery this afternoon.

## VARIED FINES

### BROADSTAIRS' BLACK-OUT OFFENDERS

Fines ranging from 20s. to 40s. were imposed on three Broadstairs people summoned at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for black-out infringements.

Herbert Frank Gotham, of St. George's-road, pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show at his home on 3rd June.

P/C Pilkington said defendant told him that the light switches for the hall and front room were both in the passage and he must accidentally have switched on the front room light as he went to bed.

Defendant was fined £1.

A similar fine was imposed on Thomas Tindal Jackson, of High-street.

P/C Ellis said at 2.20 a.m. on 28th May he saw a light shining from a skylight of a cellar in a passage adjoining High-street. As he was unable to arouse anyone he obscured the light with his cape.

Jackson told the magistrates that when he took over the management of the shop two months previously he was given to understand that the black-out arrangements in the cellar were sufficient.

A fine of £2 was imposed on Harriett Elisabeth Lubbock, of Serene-place, Sowell-street, barmaid at the Railway Tavern Hotel, who admitted responsibility for a light at the hotel on the night of 27th May.

P/C Ellis said he found a light shining from an unscreened window at the rear of the premises. As there was no one on the premises he climbed through a window and took a 200-watt bulb from a socket.

### JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT BOOKS

During the period 30th June to 19th July employers are asked to send the employment books of all employees under 18 years to Ramsgate Juvenile Employment Bureau at Aysgarth, Carlton-avenue, for exchange.

The Bureau will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and envelopes containing books for exchange should be so endorsed, while books for bulk exchange in advance should be submitted during the week commencing 30th June.

After 19th July the Bureau will be open at the following hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m.

## HE KNOWS THE ANSWERS

### RAMSGATE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Sponsored by the National Council of Social Service, Citizens' Advice Bureaux throughout the country have proved of great assistance since the outbreak of war.

In practically every town there has been established a bureau where men and women who are in doubt over any problem can be assured of finding a solution.

Acting as an encyclopedia, the Advice Bureau sets out to answer questions on any subject under the sun and usually the client walks away with a satisfactory answer to his query.

Although hard hit economically by the war, Ramsgate has an Advice Bureau at the Public Library, where every Friday afternoon Mr. Sydney Smith is ready to deal with all comers. In the 15 months since the bureau was opened, in March, 1940, Mr. Smith has answered well over 150 queries put to him by local residents.

Armed with a series of reference books issued by the Council of Social Service, Mr. Smith is well able to find an answer to any question ranging from the legal procedure of making a will to the difficulty of tracing relatives and friends in enemy-occupied countries.

The busiest time was during last summer when the Government declared a moratorium upon this area, suspending the payment of rent and rates for the time being by residents who were able to leave the coastal towns. Questions still concern that difficult problem which confronts so many, although since the extension of rationing to clothing quite a number of people have made inquiries about the rationing and the issue of coupons.

One young mother asked how the rationing would affect the provision of clothes for her baby. She was given a reliable answer after consultation with more appropriate authorities.

Several people have reason to be grateful to the bureau for the way in which missing relatives have been traced. Working in conjunction with the Post Office and the Red Cross organisation, the bureau is able to obtain news, sometimes scanty, of civilians living in territory occupied by the enemy, although it is usually 20 weeks or more before there is any definite answer.

The Ramsgate and Margate Bureaux work under the direction of the Canterbury Bureau, where the Regional Organiser is quartered.

Assistance is often given by the local Town Council, and at Ramsgate there are 25 departments operated by the Council giving advice and help to the ordinary citizen.

## FRUIT WANTED

### RAMSGATE JAM-MAKING SCHEME

Last summer tons of fruit rotted in the gardens of many unoccupied Ramsgate houses and much valuable food was lost to the community.

In some cases no one knew the fruit was there. In others people knew it was there but having no authority did not like to touch it without permission.

This summer a drive is being made to collect all surplus fruit and turn it into jam.

The scheme, sponsored by the Government, is being put into effect by the Garden Fruit Committee of Ramsgate Food Control Committee, of which Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn is chairman and Mrs. J. J. White, of the W.V.S., the secretary.

The committee urgently appeal to all people with surplus fruit to take it along to the Gas Office, High-street. As the fruit comes in sugar will be made available and the ladies of the committee will turn it into jam, which will subsequently be available for distribution.

Similarly if people know of gardens of unoccupied houses from which fruit is not being collected, particulars should be left at the office and efforts will be made by the Food Executive Officer to secure the consent of the owner so that it can be collected.

Volunteers are required to help pick the fruit and to prepare it before boiling.

A final appeal is for jam jars. There must be thousands of them lying idle in Ramsgate at the present time. Odd jars should be taken along to the Gas Office and if they are too numerous to be carried arrangements will be made for their collection.

The scheme is purely a voluntary one from start to finish but all who take part in it will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping on the food front, which is just as important as the battle front.

The Garden Fruit Committee is composed of Councillors Mrs. Dunn, T. W. Mockridge, F. C. Miller, the Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe), Mrs. J. Blinko, Mrs. J. J. White, Mrs. H. C. Flowerdew and Mrs. C. C. Beardon.

They are waiting to get on with their job.

Please send your surplus fruit along—and send it early.

### POLICE TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS

Two popular members of Margate Borough Police Force have been promoted.

D/C J. Gaier has been appointed temporary uniformed sergeant, and P/C F. Beer has been appointed temporary sergeant in charge of transport. P/C Beer has for some time been in charge of the police cars.

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## FORTY YEARS OF CLIMBING

### RETIREMENT OF MR. A. B. ANSELL

Mr. Alfred Bishop Ansell, of 6 Bethesda-street, Ramsgate, who for 42 years had spent much of his time climbing telephone poles, retired last week from his position as foreman wireman with the staff of the telephone department of the Post Office.

Sixty-one years of age, Mr. Ansell was due to retire last year.

When he was 17 he joined the staff of the National Telephone Co., where he was a wireman, and when the company was taken over by the Post Office during the last war he was transferred. Although his job of climbing poles is a hazardous task that calls for steady nerves, Mr. Ansell has only once sustained a serious injury, that being when a pole broke and fell with him to the ground, pinning him down.

On another occasion his climbing irons slipped and he fell 24 feet to the ground.

A prominent member of the local branch of the R.A.O.B., Mr. Ansell has been acting as secretary and treasurer of the Ramsgate tunnel Spitfire Fund and with the assistance of his son, Mr. Thomas Ansell, and his daughter, Miss Eva Ansell, has succeeded in raising £38 in that direction.

## BY INSTALMENTS

### RAMSGATE LABOURER'S FINE

Alfred Ellis, a labourer, of Brunswick-street, Ramsgate, pleaded guilty at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, to failing to pay a fine of £2 and £3 5s. 2d. costs under an order made against him on 13th June, 1938, for failing to give information under the Road Traffic Act.

Mr. G. Camfield said after repeated writing a distress warrant was issued and defendant had paid 5s. off the amount. When the police found he had no means nothing was done about it.

It was stated that Ellis, formerly a secondhand furniture dealer, was a married man with seven children, the youngest of whom was seven months and the eldest 12 years.

Defendant, who said he was unable to pay, said he was earning between £3 and £3 10s. a week, and added that for three months since Christmas he had been ill. During that time he had received £2 4s. relief money.

The magistrates accepted an offer by defendant to pay 5s. a month.

## Church Services

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## WEARE—SOUTHERN

### ST. LAWRENCE WEDDING

The wedding took place at St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, last week of Pte. Charles Weare, Hampshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Weare, of East Stratton, Winchester, and Miss Gwendoline Irene Southern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Southern, of 63 Newington-road, Ramsgate.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white figured satin, with a silver girdle and a wreath of orange blossom and a veil. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. Her attendant, Miss Dot Woodward (friend), wore a pink taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

Warrant Officer A. Clegg, of the R.A.F., was the best man and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Cowland Cooper). The hymn "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" was sung.

A reception was later held at St. Benedict's Hall, Newington, and Mr. and Mrs. Weare afterwards left for a honeymoon in Hampshire. The bride travelled in a turquoise blue two piece suit, with hat and shoes to match.

The bride and bridegroom received 100 presents.

## POSTED MISSING

### NEWS WANTED OF RAMSGATE SOLDIER

Serving with the R.A.S.C. in the Middle East, Dvr. Horace (Ernie) Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Effingham-street, Ramsgate, has been posted as missing.

Born in Ramsgate, Dvr. Taylor was educated at Christ Church School and was at one time employed at the A & B Garage, Grange-road. Before the war he was engaged as a private chauffeur.

A married man, Dvr. Taylor is well-known in the town and any of his comrades who have news of him are asked to communicate with his wife, who is living at 27 Newbury-road, Bromley, or with his mother.

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## HONOUR FOR MARGATE

### MODEST BOROUGH TREASURER

The honour conferred on Margate by the award of the O.B.E. to the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) and the M.B.E. to the Borough Treasurer (Mr. Ian M. Cowan) was referred to by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) at the meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

"Our Borough Treasurer is so modest that he is most embarrassed because I am referring to him" said the Mayor.

Mr. Cowan had rendered tremendous service, not only to the borough but nationally in connection with the financial problems of such areas as Margate which were facing the Government.

The honour conferred on the Chief Constable, added the Mayor, was an acknowledgement of the tremendous services he had rendered in connection with A.R.P. and police duties.

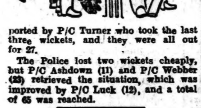
Margate should be proud that, in the eyes of the Government, two men should stand out so prominently in the administration of the town that their services should be recognised.

## CRICKET

### POLICE VICTORY

Margate Police beat the Thanet Gas by 38 runs at Grenham House last week.

The Gas collapsed against the bowling of P/Cs Belmore and Ashdown, supported by P/C Turner who took the last three wickets, and they were all out for 27.



The Police lost two wickets cheaply, but P/C Ashdown (11) and P/C Webber (23) retrieved the situation, which was improved by P/C Luck (12), and a total of 65 was reached.

## THREE OFFENCES

### HURRICANE PILOT FINED

Pilot of a Hurricane, Pilot-Officer John Francis Elkington, aged 20, was summoned for three offences at Margate police court on Wednesday.

As a result of a visit to a cinema he was summoned for leaving his car in Cecil-square without immobilising it, failing to have a driving license and failing to have a permit to use the car

Defendant told P.C. Stoneham that he had that day returned a permit issued to him at Canterbury and had applied to his commanding officer for another one.

An adjutant said the commanding officer issued a permit the following day.

The summons in respect of the permit was dismissed and defendant was fined 10s. for failing to immobilise the car and 10s. for having no license.

## ROAD DANGER

### REAR LIGHTS MUST BE VISIBLE

Many motorists, cyclists and other road users are not using sufficient light to make their rear lamps visible to overtaking traffic.

Complaints have been received by the Ministry of Home Security that accidents have occurred on this account.

Investigations have shown that many motorists are not using the full amount of light allowed by the regulations which provide that side and rear lights should be so dimmed that they are clearly visible at 30 yards and become invisible at 300 yards.

A light which is so dim as to be invisible at say 100 yards not only does not carry out the intention of the regulations but may be a danger to overtaking traffic.

Rear lights frequently become obscured by mud and dirt, and care should be taken to see that lamp glasses are kept as clean as possible at all times.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

# THE EDUCATION OF MR. KIN

*By RAY CARR*

London had gone to his head. Which was not surprising, for the greater part of his life had been spent in a litte town set amidst the paddy lands of the Irrawaddy delta. For the first 18 years of his life the most familiar scenes to him were the palm-fringed river, the tapering gilded spire of a pagoda, and the flat expanse of paddy fields, a vivid green beneath grey monsoon skies or shimmering gold as the harvest ripened under the tropic sun.

No wonder that Mr. Kin, as he was known in England, was enjoying himself. He was learning very much more than law; in fact, he found that he had little time for his legal studies in the Temple. Fellow students from Burma had introduced him to the lighter side of life in London. Mr. Kin had taken up dancing with enthusiasm and no little skill.

His only complaint was that his allowance from his father was woefully small, and he quite overlooked the fact that those monthly remittances almost entirely swallowed up the income from the family paddy lands. His friends, Maung Shin and Maung Pu, always had well-filled purses.

One evening when his empty pocket spelt economy he turned into the lounge of a public house not far from his rooms.

As he entered Mr. Kin was aware that he attracted the interest of the half-dozen people in the lounge. He prided himself that he was well dressed, a dapper little man who smiled benignly upon the world through horn-rimmed glasses. He did not realise that his well-creased trousers were a trifle too wide, that his jacket fitted rather too snugly about his waist, or that his tie was of a flambovance that readily caught the eye.

"Evening, sir," remarked Charles, the elderly waiter. "The usual, I suppose?" And upon Mr. Kin's nod of acquiescence he shambled across the room.

Charles brought him his whisky.

"There y'are, sir . . . Bit parky to-night, isn't it? . . . Thank you, sir . . ."

Mr. Kin lit his pipe, an up-to-date stream-lined model, and leaned back in his chair When his glass was empty he would go back to his rooms to study. That Criminal Law examination was not so very far ahead . . . Besides, with an empty pocket . . .

"You're alone. Do you mind if I join you?" The speaker was a stoutish man with a humorous, clean-shaven face. He paused hopefully by Mr. Kin's table. "I hate drinking by myself, don't you?" Slipping easily into a chair he pulled out a cigarette case.

The newcomer beckoned to Charles who shuffled forward with such little briskness as he could command.

"Now you know my name," said Hunter to the young Burman. "And what's your name? Maung Kin?" He repeated it once or twice, then added with a smile, "From somewhere in Asia, I suppose?"

Mr. Kin admitted that he came from Burma, whereupon his new acquaintance began to express considerable interest in that country. A second drink made Mr. Kin expansive, and he gave the other much information about the East. He also volunteered the fact that he was reading for the Bar, but that he preferred dancing.

"That's the spirit."

"I am, perhaps, a bit hot stuff at dancing. Last month at the Palais I won one trophy. A cup. Big like this." The little Burman gestured graphically with his hands.

"Not really as big as that?"

"Yes. I tell you. Quite so big." Again there came the quick gesture.

"You surprise me." Mr. Hunter appeared impressed. A little later he glanced at his watch and declared that he must be going. "But we must meet again, Kin. As you are a dancing man I'll take you along one night to a little club I know. First rate floor and band. I'll be here again next Thursday evening. So long."

Charles, wiping the table top, now eyed him with a sudden respect. "Didn't know Mr. Hunter was a friend of yours, sir. Amusin' gentleman, isn't he? And no side about him neether."

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At the Pink Owl where he was taken by his new found friend, Mr. Kin felt that he was in his real element at last. This was very much better than the entertainment provided by the Palais. And Hunter appeared to have a host of acquaintances and was able to provide the little Burman with dancing partners.

The Pink Owl boasted a very small dance floor; but this did not worry Mr. Kin who considered that it merely helped him to display his talents. And between dances he found the company most amusing.

One night he was even persuaded to perform a solo Burmese dance, but this was after he had exceeded his usual number of double whiskies.

"That's a great show," cried Hunter enthusiastically, as he imitated some of Kin's steps. "Hands out like this, eh? How do I look, girls?"

"Isn't he a perfect scream," exclaimed Queenie Fayne. "I think he is funnier off the stage than on it, don't you?"

"Stage?" Mr. Kin was puzzled.

Queenie laughed. "You mutt! Don't tell me that you have never heard of Dandy Hunter!"

"Of course . . . But I . . ." the little Burman was astounded. Dandy Hunter, the funniest comedian on the London stage! And he had never recognised him . . . He gazed with awe at his friend . . . Dandy Hunter!

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He began to give himself airs, and boasted to the other students of his friend, the famous Dandy Hunter. He invited his fellow Burmans, Maung Po Toke and Maung Shin, to meet the comedian at the Duke of York. They spent a cheery evening together, Mr. Hunter paying for most of the drinks.

"And when are you appearing on the stage again?" inquired Maung Shin politely.

The actor shrugged his shoulders. "Before Christmas I hope."

"It will be a drama so funny, is it not?"

Mr. Kin corrected his friend. "Man, man, drama is not funny. It is the comic comedy for Mr. Hunter to amuse us."

"Quite right, Kin," agreed Hunter as he watched with interest Maung Po Toke who was busily engaged in cracking his finger joints. "I say, how do you do that, and why do you do it?"

"Very good for health and body."

Hunter began to manipulate his hands in imitation of the other. "I must learn that. D'you mind doing it again. I'm very keen on these health exercises."

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For the best part of a fortnight Mr. Kin saw very little of Dandy Hunter. Once they met in the street, but Hunter hurried off after a murmured "Sorry, but I must be getting along, old man. Terribly busy these days . . ." And on another occasion Hunter had thrust his head round the door of the lounge in the Duke of York and then quickly withdrew it again. It almost seemed to Mr. Kin as if his friend was trying to avoid him.

London was plastered with notices of the forthcoming stage production. "Fancy That!" and, no doubt, Dandy Hunter was rehearsing hard. After all he was the main attraction in "Fancy That!" . . . He had told Mr. Kin remarkably little about the piece, and when questioned had merely remarked that he had great hopes of a big success. "You must see it for yourself, old man. I hope you will laugh . . ." And Mr. Kin, together with a couple of other young Burmans, had secured seats for the first night.

They were at the theatre early and studied their programmes with care, but save that Hunter was to play the part of Mister Bingo of Bong they learnt nothing of what was in store for them. But they were not left long in doubt when, to a thunder of applause, Dandy Hunter made his appearance.

Mr. Kin's eyes almost started from his head and his hands clenched convulsively on the arms of his seat. There, on the stage, was a grotesque caricature of himself. Brown complexion, narrow eyes, ebony hair, tight fitting suit and jarring tie were all there. And the voice and words of Dandy Hunter were an imitation of him, Maung Kin.

"Girls, I am perhaps a bit hot stuff at the dancing . . . You should have seen me at the Yokohama Palais de Danse. I won one trophy. A cup. Big, like this . . . Yes, I tell you. Quite so big . . ."

Mr. Kin shot quick glances at his companions. They, to, were listening angrily to the rippling laughter around them. To them, also, it seemed as if the audience laughed not only at the antics of Dandy Hunter but also at themselves, Hunter's victims. And when the comedian broke into a crude imitation of a Burmese dance they grew hot with shame. Then, crowning infamy, Hunter began to sing:

"I'm Bingo from Burma where the
monkey nuts grow
And my wives ride on elephants down
Mandalay Row,
I'm partial to cuties and spices and gin,
But a small double whisky's my
favourite sin."

And so on through several verses . . .

As the curtain descended at the end of the first act Dandy Huner smiled his thanks for the vociferous applause accorded to him.

But Mr. Kin and his friends were not in their seats when the second act began. They had already left the theatre.

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The cause of a deadly hatred is not infrequently a small matter. Trifles breed revolutions, and murder sometimes springs from a light but ill-considered jest . . . Within the space of a brief half hour Mr. Kin had been converted from a love of all things English to an enemy of the white race. Dandy Hunter had held him up to the ridicule of London; every Englishman was laughing at him, Maung Kin.

In the privacy of his own bedroom the little Burman studied his features in the fly-blown mirror above his dressing table. He could see nothing comic in his own face . . . Why should it prove so amusing to the cold-blooded English? Hunter was a devil. No wonder that less than a generation ago Burmans had cheerfully killed white men. Nothing would have given Maung Kin greater pleasure at that moment than to slash Dandy Hunter to pieces in the true jungle style.

From a study of his features his gaze transferred itself to the reflection of his tie. Orange silk with a liberal sprinkling of red and blue dice . . . It suddenly occured to him that this was not unlike the flaming red and yellow tie that had decorated Dandy Hunter on the stage. And on Hunter what a horrid joke that tie had seemed. With a quick gesture of disgust Maung Kin tore the offending object from his neck . . .

His suit, too! Had that been fairly caricatured? If so . . .

That night saw the beginning of a great change in Mr. Kin. He gave up his old associations and applied himself desperately to his studies. When he returned to Burma he would beat these English at their own game. No longer would they laugh at him. But in the meantime his ties and hats became less conspicuous. No longer did he frequent the Duke of York. In fact, he moved into other rooms in Bloomsbury conveniently near to the Temple. And he acquired fresh friends, ardent young Indians who lent him frothy and ill-published newspapers that screamed their hatred of all things British.

Sometimes, in his moments of introspection, Maung Kin asked himself if these associates were not just as abnormal and foolish as those he had abandoned a few months earlier. But the fact that they shared his dislike for the Englishman invariably dispelled his doubts . . . And so, for several months, he lived his altered life.

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Then chance took him one evening past the illuminated front of the Duke of York. He had half an hour to spare, and with no other thought than to fill in time, he turned into the lounge. It was, as usual at that hour, almost deserted. He went towards his favourite table.

Then, too late, he saw Dandy Hunter, who had pushed aside his chair and was hailing him.

"Kin!—by all that's lucky. I am glad to see you, old man! Where the dickens have you been hiding? Sit down . . . Hi, Charles."

With some reluctance Mr. Kin took the proffered seat and murmured an excuse that he was working hard and had moved to new rooms.

"Working hard? That's fine." The comedian scrutinized the little Burman carefully. "You have changed, old man! Yes—changed quite a lot."

"I have. But what makes you say so?"

Dandy Hunter smiled. "Well, you seem to fit into the picture better. If you don't mind my saying so, you look as if some of the corners have been rubbed off you—"

"That may be due to you," replied Mr. Kin with a wry smile.

The other man was silent for a moment or two, then he laughed. "You don't mean Bingo? . . . But you must admit that it wasn't a very unfair picture."

"Most unfair," said the little Burman hotly. "You would not make fun of an Englishman like that."

Dandy Hunter was truly apologetic, but he retorted that he took his characters indiscriminately. "Listen, old man, we closed down on 'Fancy That!' last month, and in my new show I'm playing the part of an English M.P. And founded on fact, too. Funnier than Bingo. You must see the show."

"I would rather not—"

"Oh, rats!" And if you have a few minutes to spare you must come along to my flat. I have something for you. Meant to give it to you months ago, but you went off in a huff . . . Another drink."

"No, thanks!"

"Wise man. You've learnt about that, too!"

Gradually the geniality of Hunter was breaking down the antagonism of Mr. Kin. Again and again the little Burman told himself that here was the man that had caused him months of misery, that he hated him. Yet he found himself talking to Dandy Hunter in the most friendly manner.

And as they strolled together to the comedian's home he began to tell Hunter of his recent months of hard work, and even hinted at his revolutionary tendencies.

"Ha! Another sign of growth, Kin. But you will get over that too . . . More corners rubbed off. It all helps."

They arrived at the flat, and Maung Kin accepted another drink—a very modest one. Hunter left him for a few moments, and when he returned he held out to his guest a slim gold cigarette case.

"I always pay my debts, and for a long time I have felt that I must make amends. Inadequate, but a gesture." He held out the case. Wonderingly, the Burman took it. Across one corner were etched the words—"To my friend, Maung Kin, with sincere apologies from Bingo."

When he left Dandy Hunter some time later Mr. Kin was a happy man. He had accomplished a further stage in his education, and he saw that, after all, the world was not such a bad place to live in. He had lost all desire to carve Dandy Hunter into small pieces. And, what was almost more important, he had learnt that to be able to laugh at oneself is the first rule for a contented life.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

### MARGATE COUPLE'S ANNIVERSARY

Members of two of Margate's oldest families, Mr. and Mrs. Siveyer Charles Sisley, of Edgar-road, who were married at Emmanuel Church, Margate, on 20th June, 1891, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday.

Seventy-five years of age, Mr. Sisley is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Barton Sisley, and Mrs. Eva Marion Sisley, the same age as her husband, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison. Mr. Sisley's grandfather was a local builder.

Before he reached his 14th birthday, Mr. Sisley had had three jobs and since then he has been a plumber but owing to the war he has had to retire.

Born in Margate, he has seen many alterations as the town has developed. In his young days there was no Marine-drive and where the Clock Tower stands there was an iron bridge spanning a gap in the cliff. At that time the ground between St. Paul's Church and Newgate Gap was used as a cricket pitch, and Harold-road was the last road in Margate.

For the past 40 years Mrs. Sisley has managed a boarding house in Edgar-road and is now the oldest established resident in the road.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sisley were active members of the International Order of Good Templars, and Mrs. Sisley is at the present time a member of the Margate Pioneer Society.

There are three daughters and two grandchildren.

## BUY LOCALLY

### MARGATE COUNCILLOR'S APPEAL

At Tuesday's meeting of Margate Council, Councillor E. G. Barrows drew attention to the fact that although the purchase could have been made locally the Corporation had gone to a Canterbury firm to buy a quantity of blankets at a cost of over £100.

Making an appeal for support of local tradesmen, who were endeavouring to carry on by buying locally whenever possible, Councillor Barrows said it did not show a good civic spirit to make purchases out of the town.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said while he appreciated the desire to patronise local traders and was always in favour of it, it was very difficult to obtain supplies in any quantity. In the case referred to the blankets were available and the Council considered it their duty to obtain them while they could.

### ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY

To-day is Rose Day, the day when, in memory of Queen Alexandra, who founded it, a national collection is raised in aid of voluntary hospitals.

The money collected in Ramsgate will be devoted to Ramsgate General Hospital, the services of which are constantly in readiness for those who are sick or injured. This is especially pertinent now when any day or night may find the strongest and healthiest of us laid low by enemy action.

Only the single roses are being used in Ramsgate this year for all donations, apart, of course, from the garlands for motor-cars.

## SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON

### THEFTS FROM SHOP AND HOTEL

Sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed by Margate magistrates, on Wednesday, on L/Bdr. Robert Joseph Wood, aged 37, a soldier with 17 years' service and a good character, who pleaded guilty to stealing articles from a shop in Fort-road, Margate.

He also admitted stealing a gold clock, two dresses and other articles, valued at £24, the property of Miss K. Mayhew, from St. Mildred's Hotel, Ramsgate, in March last.

The articles taken from the shop in Margate included seven powder compacts and 14 strings of beads, the property of Miss Kate Constance Terrell.

Gnr. Ronald George Buckley, aged 18, who was charged with Wood, was fined £1, and Gnr. Aubrey Charles Kempster, aged 21, was fined £1 for receiving a compact and two strings of beads, knowing them to have been stolen. Kempster pleaded not guilty to stealing and the charge against him of taking articles was dismissed.

Chief Inspr. Fleet said the case arose from a previous case in which Mrs. Beatrice West was convicted for receiving stolen property. Very little information could be obtained from the woman as to where the articles came from, but after further enquiries D/C Tinson, with D/S Prestand, saw Wood at the police station. Wood at first denied all knowledge of the matter but afterwards admitted taking some property from Fort-road, although he did not break in. He said Buckley climbed in through the fanlight and passed the stuff out to him. He took it to Mrs. West. Buckley admitted doing so, and Kempster, who said he was also there, did not enter the premises. He afterwards saw the things on Buckley's bed, and had a compact and two strings of beads which he later burned.

The commanding officer said Wood had been with the colours for 17 years and had never been in trouble before. Buckley had been in the Army for 18 months and Kempster for 10 months. They were good soldiers.

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said he hoped the case would be a lesson to others. Such conduct must cease.

## SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE

### TO RAMSGATE MAYOR

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) has received a letter from a Ramsgate soldier at Gibraltar paying tribute to the way in which Alderman Kempe is helping the town through the trials of war-time.

The soldier is L/Corpl. R. Roberts, son of Mrs. Roberts, of 26 Effingham-street. He is stationed in Gibraltar and was also in France last year.

Mentioning that Alderman Kempe is a keen stamp collector, L/Corpl. Roberts enclosed a number of Gibraltar postal stamps. "In every letter I receive from mother she says you are doing a great job of work and have a kind word for all of them," he wrote. "Although I am far away from Ramsgate I am longing for the day when I will be back again."

L/Corpl. Roberts was in France for six months and has been in Gibraltar for the remainder of the time. Gibraltar, he says, is a boring place although there are three cinemas—showing very old pictures.

Fruit is plentiful, he adds, and cigarettes are cheap.

Referring to air raids, Roberts says "I expect Ramsgate looks a sorry mess, and the people are thanking God for the foresight the Council had in constructing the tunnels."

There have been few raids on Gibraltar.

"Remember me to all in dear old Ramsgate," concludes L/Corpl. Roberts.

## LEFT STRANDED

### TRIALS OF SICK RECRUIT

Pte. George Frederick Russell, an 18 year old Army recruit, was charged at Margate police court last week with being an absentee without leave from his unit.

Inspr. Croucher said that at 2.30 that morning defendant was brought to the Police Station by William Rowe, a member of the Home Guard, who found him in an air raid shelter.

Russell said he went to his medical officer on account of ear trouble and was taken to hospital. The next day he was sent out, and then sent back again. The previous day he was taken to Chatham to see an ear specialist, and the hospital authorities there sent him back again.

An officer in the court said there had been a misunderstanding. Defendant's unit was not informed that he had been sent to Chatham, and the vehicle that took him did not wait to bring him back. He was left stranded, and the hospital gave him a ticket back to Margate.

The case was dismissed.

## CAMOUFLAGED ROADS

### MARGATE COUNCIL SUGGESTION

When it was reported at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday that the Surveyor proposed to apply surface dressing on certain roads in the town it was suggested by Councillor G. Jones that some roads which had been covered with light gravel after being tarred should be camouflaged.

Roads covered with light coloured gravel were conspicuous from the air, said Councillor Jones, and when similar gravel was used last year there were many complaints.

Councillor S. W. Pearce pointed out that gravel was used in other districts and the Surveyor (Mr. W. L. Armstrong said he had made inquiries from the authorities and no objection had been made to the use of light coloured gravel. Although the roads were conspicuous there was no danger.

It was also reported that arrangements had been made, with the approval of the County Council, for the re-surfacing of sections of classified roads.

### W.A.A.F. RECRUITS WANTED

Recruits are urgently needed for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

An interesting job can be found for nearly every woman, and candidates, if suitable, even without experience, can apply for training as motor drivers.

Full particulars of service will be sent on application to the R.A.F. Recruiting Depot, Chatham.

## THEFTS FROM BOMBED HOMES

### MARGATE A.R.P. WORKERS FINED

Three members of a Margate A.R.P. rescue and repair party, stationed at the Saxon-road depot, Westgate, were convicted at Margate police court on Wednesday for thefts from bombed houses.

Alfred John Smith, aged 43, of Dane Valley-road, Margate, was fined £5 for stealing 80ft. of timber and a watering can, value 14s., Herbert Richard Sladden, 33, of Canterbury-road, Birchington, was fined £2 for stealing 43 panes of glass, value 7s. 2d., and Albert Frank Walbridge, 37, of Broadley-avenue, Birchington, was fined £2 for stealing a fishing rod.

The men, who pleaded not guilty and were represented by Mr. J. Thorn Drury, are to pay the fines by instalments of 5s. a week each.

Arthur Henry Sayer, engineer at the refuse destructor, and deputy superintendent of the rescue and demolition service, said since April the men had been engaged on salvaging building materials and furniture in an area damaged by enemy action. They had definite instructions as to the disposal of various articles, including personal belongings, which should be handed to the salvage officer and a receipt given.

**House Searched.**

D/C Galer said he went to Smith's house on 4th June and told him he was making inquiries about a watering can which he believed was taken from premises damaged by enemy action. Smith produced the can, which was hanging on a wall, and said he found it on the lorry which he drove away from the premises. Witness searched the house and garden and in a passage-way at the side he saw approximately 80ft. of 4in. by 2in. timber in 6ft. and 8ft. lengths, similar to that used as roof joists of houses. Smith said he took two lengths—about 18ft. —from the damaged premises and the remainder he found at the Dane Valley tip, opposite his house.

Witness also saw Sladden the same day and questioned him about glass removed from the damaged premises. He said he had some and produced 43 panes, which were in his back garden. He said he helped remove glass to the dust destructor and took those panes home.

When Walbridge was questioned he produced a fishing rod and case from a cupboard in an upstairs room and said he found it on some rubbish. "I know I should not have taken it, but I thought if I didn't somebody else would," he said.

**Winter Fires.**

Smith told the magistrates he was taking rubbish to the Dane Valley dump, and thinking the watering can, which he picked up to throw out, might only have a hole in it which he could repair, he laid it aside and took it home. It would otherwise have gone on the dump. He went on to explain that he had found enough wood at the tip to keep his fires going last winter. He had been collecting it from time to time and saved some for making bunks in his shelter. He wanted another 10ft. and as he could not find any more at the tip he took two pieces from the premises where he was working.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare): Do I understand that you have been taking 8ft. lengths of 4in. by 2in. to the tip?

Smith: They have been bringing all sorts of lengths. I found a piece there 10ft. long last winter.

Referring to the watering can, which was produced in court, Alderman G. B. Farrar, a member of the beach, remarked "Anyone looking at it would know there was no hole in it."

Sladden said he was engaged on picking up rubbish thrown out from damaged houses and did not think the glass which he picked up was any good.

**In Pile of Debris.**

Walbridge said he found the fishing rod in a pile of debris. He thought it was damaged and that there was no harm in taking it

Mr. Thorn Drury suggested that the action of the defendants came within an entirely different category to that in the cases of looting by gangs after air raids which had caused an outcry.

Chief. Inspr. Fleet said all three men were married and had been employed by the Corporation for several years, Smith as a motor driver for six years. Their previous conduct had been satisfactory and they were described as good workers.

The defendant Smith then appeared before the magistrates with Stanley Davis, of Victoria-road, Margate, on a summons for stealing, between 1st April and 4th June, one gallon of white enamel paint and half a gallon of yellow enamel paint, valued at 14s. 6d., the property of Margate Corporation.

Smith was represented by Mr. Thorn Drury and Davis by Mr. A. R. Young, and both pleaded not guilty.

Samuel Wotton, storeman at the Corporation's King-street depot, was shown two tins of paint, one white and one yellow. He said the white paint was similar to that which he issued to Davis for painting white lines on the roads. He had not had any yellow paint of that brand since 1939.

**Gave Him the Can.**

Benjamin Bradley, second in charge of the rescue party at the Saxon-road depot, Westgate, said during April he was sitting in a chair reading at the depot when Davis came in and he heard Smith ask if he could give him a drop of white paint. Davis did not seem anxious about giving any, but said "You can have that can there." Smith said he did not want all that, but Davis said "You can have it"

In reply to Mr. Young, witness said roadmen often left their paint at the depot.

D/C Galer said while searching Smith's house on 4th June he found a gallon can of white enamel, which had not been opened, and a can of yellow enamel, containing about half a gallon, in the top front room. Smith said Davis gave the paint to him. Two days later witness saw both Smith and Davis at the police station and told them the paint was Corporation property. Davis said he told Smith he could have a drop of white paint which he was using in his road machine. Smith said "I asked him for a drop and he said 'You can have that gallon can, but don't let anybody see it.' He also said I could have the yellow paint to mix with it, because it makes it better."

**Twelve Years' Service.**

Davis said he had been employed as a roadman by the Corporation for 12 years, and painted white lines on the roads. He had not used any yellow paint for two years. He was allowed to leave cans of paint at the Saxon-road depot ready for his use in that part of the borough. In April Smith told him he would like some for the black-out—painting trees and kerbs at the depot—and he told him to help himself. He did not go back to that depot again until the previous week.

Smith, in evidence, said he told Davis he wanted the paint for the sides of his stairs and for the trees. Davis said there was a tinful he could have, and also a drop of yellow.

Announcing that defendants would be fined £1 each, the chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) said they were looked upon as trusted servants. Davis had abused his position by giving away what did not belong to him.

"No doubt there is a good deal of this going on," he added, "and it must be stopped."

In reply to Mr. Young, the chairman said the magistrates had dismissed from the charge the reference to yellow paint.


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## HOME GUARD TRIBUTE

### RAID VICTIMS' FUNERALS

A Home Guard platoon, of which he was a sergeant, stood with arms reversed at the graveside when Mr. James Holt, victim of a night raid on a south-east coast town, was buried on Wednesday.

His wife, Mrs. Sarah Holt, aged 70, who, as reported under a separate heading was also killed when their home was demolished, was laid to rest in the same grave.

Both coffins were covered with the Union Jack, and following a service in the cemetery chapel, the Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper conducted a short service at the graveside.

Among those present were several of Mr. Holt's colleagues and representatives of Bowling Clubs and lodges of Freemasons of which he was a prominent member.

The family mourners were Messrs. James, John and Thomas Holt (sons), and others present were Mr. R. H. Ruthven, Mr. B. Bushell, Mr. C. Nixon, Councillors C. R. Woodhams and T. W. Mockridge, Mr. E. Groom, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Foot, who were slightly hurt when their home close to Mr. Holt's house was wrecked, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith and Mrs. H. Hopkins.

Wreaths included those from bowling clubs, the N.A.L.G.O., and the Gas and Water Department.

Other flowers were received from Nita, Sheila and Shirley (grandchildren); Mr. and Mrs. Paucher; Muriel, Shirley and Thomas; Mrs. Peel, Dorothy and John; James and Mary; A. and T. Foot; Mr. and Mrs. Dunkin and Mr. G. Dunkin; Mrs. K. V. Saunders; gas and water colleagues; Harrods, decorating department, Draycot-avenue; and from six Masonic lodges.

On Thursday Mr. Clifford Henry Aste, aged 66, another victim, was buried in the cemetery of a neighbouring village, and on Friday the funeral took place at a south-east village of Mr. John Godfrey, who also lost his life.

## INVALUABLE SERVANTS

### MARGATE'S LOSS

The loss which Margate has suffered by the deaths of Councillors C. H. Whittaker and H. R. Price, and Mr. W. F. Hiscock, who resigned from the Council last year, was referred to by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

Their passing, said the Mayor, was a serious loss to the Council. They were men of mature years, with experience in public matters, and each had played his part nobly in the government of the borough. He had expressed the hope on more than one occasion that the time would not be far distant when they and others who had found it necessary to go away would be able to return and take their part in the great deliberations for reconstruction, which would be necessary after the war. Unfortunately, the call had come to them before that was possible, and he was sure the Council would mourn with him the loss to the borough of such invaluable servants.

The members stood in silence for a few moments.

The presence at the meeting after a long absence from the town of Councillor S. A. Willmott was referred to by the Mayor, who said they were pleased to see him back again.

Councillor Willmott said unfortunately it was only a flying visit to the town, as he was now engaged in an aircraft factory. He expressed regret at the death of his friend, Councillor Whittaker, and said he looked forward to the day when he could permanently return to Margate.

## COMEDY AND DRAMA

### CONTRASTS AT ODEON

A refreshing British comedy with a peaceful countryside atmosphere makes a strong contrast to the somewhat grim tale of modern Russia which comes to the screen at the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

For the first four days the chief attraction is "Quiet Wedding," starring Margaret Lockwood and Derek Farr. Described by the critics as "a riot of fun," the film has a simple story dealing with the innumerable preliminaries that precede the wedding of a young couple. The film was being made at Denham during the frequent air raids on London and often production was delayed because of bombs nearby. Nevertheless there are plenty of laughs.

The supporting picture, "I'm Still Alive," with Kent Taylor and Linda Hayes, provides thrilling entertainment.

Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr have the leading roles in "Comrade X," the brilliant film of Russia as it is to-day. Gable is seen as a newspaper correspondent and Hedy Lamarr as a lovely young Russian girl who eventually becomes his wife, but not before Gable finds trouble for concocting embarrassing news stories of the Soviet. Oscar Homolka and Felix Bressart head the strong supporting cast.

"The Man at the Gate," which is also being shown, is a fine story of Cornish seafaring families. Wilfred Lawson is the star.

"There can never be permanent peace in Europe so long as the Germans think war is a thing of profit."—Col. Sir Lambert Ward, M.P.

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# MAN OVERBOARD

### BOY RESCUES FISHERMAN

**A Ramsgate fisherman who fell overboard as his vessel was leaving port one afternoon last week owes his life to a 16-year-old boy who was rowing in the harbour.**

The fisherman, Mr. William Suckling, of 17 Townley-street, was acting as mate of a fishing vessel, with Mr. Gutridge as skipper.

As the vessel approached the harbour mouth the skipper discovered that Suckling, a non-swimmer, had fallen overboard and was in mid-harbour.

Hearing the skipper's cries for assistance, 16-year-old Eric Richard Stankiste, of 87 West Dumpton-lane, who was in a row-boat, pulled across to where Suckling was going down, and threw him a line.

He pulled Suckling aboard without aid and rowed for the quay, where Mr. Charles Stankiste, father of the boy, and Thomas Slack applied artificial respiration.

Suckling was later taken to hospital, where he is progressing.

## MATERIALS AND MORALE

### MR. DUFF COOPER VISITS S.E. REGION

Visiting the south-eastern region for the first time since his appointment as Minister of Information, the Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper, D.S.O., M.P., addressed an audience of not less than 6,000 at Guildford last week.

Referring to his three large audiences: those in front of him and those to whom his words were being relayed in an adjoining hall and on the lawns outside, Mr. Duff Cooper said that they proved to him that the people of England were deeply anxious for information and deeply interested in the epoch-making events which they were witnessing

He was convinced of the fact, which some people still doubted, that the heart of the whole nation was in the war.

Mr. Duff Cooper pointed to the tragedy of our unhappy relations with Vichy France, the blame for most of which he laid at the door of Admiral Darlan. The time would come, he said, when Darlan would have to answer for his deeds, and even now it must be present in his thoughts that if France had not surrendered, Italy would be out of the war.

The Germans knew that they could not afford to fight a long war. Although they had lost the battle of a year ago, one could be sure that they were going to make a very great effort in the summer which had now begun. Three or four months of it lay ahead, during which we could not expect good news. We would have hurled against us the greatest machinery of destruction which had ever been devised in the history of the world, the most frightful engine of disaster which had ever issued from the workshops of Hell.

When people asked, Why this? and Why that? and Why did we not think of it before? the answer was the simple one that we had been preparing for this war for 22 months whereas the Germans had been preparing for it for 22 years.

"I am quite confident of victory," said Mr. Duff Cooper, "because we have two things that count in war: materials and morale.

"We have seen in this war, not only the spirit of the men behind the guns, but also the spirit of the women behind the men. Never has such an example been given before."

As regards materials, the Minister pointed out that while our own factories were under the fire of the enemy, far away on the other side of the world, not only in the United States, but in Canada, Australia and in the Dominions, were factories unhampered by the anxieties of war, which would in time overwhelm by their superiority of numbers anything that one small country in Central Europe might produce.

"I don't believe," concluded Mr. Duff Cooper, "that in all our history we have had a Prime Minister who commanded to the same extent the devoted confidence of the whole people of this country.

"With such a people as our own, with such a leader as we have, and with such a cause, however long our suffering, we must ultimately prove victorious."

Lord Knollys, the Deputy Commissioner for the South-Eastern Region, said he felt if the region were to be temporarily isolated on account of invasion or other enemy action the existence of the Regional Commissioner's headquarters working in closest touch with the local representatives of Ministries such as Health, Transport, Food and Information should be a great benefit to local authorities and others when urgent decisions might be needed.

### FUNERAL OF MR. VAL SMITH

The funeral took place at St. Nicholas on Wednesday of Mr. John Valentine Wellard Smith, who died at his home, Nether Hale, Birchington, at the age of 85.

Following a service at the Parish Church the coffin was taken to the cemetery on a farm cart drawn by two horses.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Henham) officiated.

Mr. Smith's last wishes that there should be no women mourners and no flowers were carried out, and the family mourners were Messrs. H. A. Smith, Alan Smith and Larry Smith (sons), Mr. Harvey and Mr. R. A. Lunn (sons-in-law).

Local farmers who attended the funeral were Mr. E. G. Quested, Mr. F. Allnutt, Mr. E. T. Broadley, Mr. C. Willett (Acol), Mr. F. Bensted Collard, Mr. E. Baxter, Mr. B. Baxter and Mr. E. Baxter, junr., Mr. H. T. Willett, Mr. T. Willett, Mr. J. Willett, Mr. R. Willett, Alderman F. L. Pettman, Mr. C. C. Maughan, and employees of Nether Hale Farm and Monkton Court Farm.

# DOWN AND OUT

### DROVE CAR INTO DEFENCE AREA

A Margate man who returned to the town to obtain employment was summoned at the borough police court, on Wednesday, for bringing his car into a defence area without possessing a permit.

Defendant was Percy Steward Clarke, formerly of Court-road, whose address was given as Essington, near Wolverhampton. The magistrates dismissed the summons for bringing the car to the coast without a permit, and he was fined £1 for not having a certificate of insurance.

W/R/C Jewiss, who stopped defendant at Birchington, said he found on the windscreen of the car a permit issued on 22nd July, 1940, enabling defendant to evacuate the car to Wolverhampton. Defendant said he had verbal permission from the police at Wolverhampton to enter the area and he produced eight petrol coupons and a doctor's certificate stating that a change of air would do him good.

Chief Inspr. Fleet said defendant took it into his head to return to Margate on 13th May but did not return until 23rd May. He told the police at Wolverhampton that he wished to evacuate two persons from Margate but those persons were killed by enemy action a month previously. When questioned at Margate defendant said the only reason he could give for returning was to try to get work as he was down and out. Wolverhampton police did not know that a permit was necessary to bring a car into the area and defendant was issued with petrol coupons on the grounds that it was a special case of evacuation from the area.

The car was immobilised and pushed into a Birchington garage and every day for six days defendant was seen in an endeavour to persuade him to take the car away. He said he had not the means of obtaining an insurance cover note for that purpose. Witness eventually assisted him and on 29th May the car was removed.

Inspr. Fleet added that defendant was formerly a salesman and had property in the town. He had every right to return to Margate but not to bring his car.

In a letter to the court defendant said he did not know it was necessary to obtain a permit.

Referring to the fact that his health had improved while he was at Margate but that since then he had not been so well, defendant added "I should appreciate it if you can find me some kind of employment in Margate. I don't mind what it is. Perhaps if you mention it to somebody they will find me employment."

## END OF FIVE MESSERS

### THREE SPITFIRES SEND THEM CRASHING

Three Spitfires on patrol recently shot down five Me. 109s within a few minutes. The story can now be told more fully from the pilot's reports.

The leader of two of the Spitfires, who were patrolling together, says: "I saw three yelllow-nosed Messerschmitts circling near a convoy and warned the other patrol that there were Me's. in the vicinity. Then I told my Number 2 to follow me. I made a head-on attack on what appeared to be the leading Me., but he turned, and after a short burst I broke away.

"I then saw two more Me's flying away south. I gave chase. They both saw me coming and climbed into cloud. When they came out they flew level, thinking no doubt that they had thrown me off. I closed and gave the rear one a burst. He blew up immediately and went down into the sea. Nobody baled out.

"The first evidently saw what happened, and took violent evasive action, but after a while he made a steep turn and gave me a target. I fired, black smoke came from him, and he levelled out. I gave him a fairly long burst, and then saw a flash above me and 26 to 30 Me's coming down at me. I dived through cloud for home and was followed for about ten miles."

In describing the exact positions where his two Me. victims went down the pilot adds "All the Me's had yellow noses and shared a common disinclination to fight."

Pilot Number 2 reports that after his leader had drawn his attention to the first three Me. 109s he attacked one and hit its radiator.

"The enemy aircraft dived away with glycol streaming from it and I fired bursts until my ammunition was exhausted, slowing the Me. up with each burst. The glycol stopped coming from him, there was a puff of black smoke and he glided gently down into the sea."

The pilot of the other flight, who had been told of the presence of the Me's., reports: "I saw two Me. 109s passing south and gave the rear one a burst. He went straight down, and I turned to look for the other. I could not see him, so I flew south and encountered two Me. 109s engaging a Spitfire. The enemy, showing no enthusiasm for a straight fight, dived away south. I caught one almost at sea level and shot him into the sea.

"I then turned to attack the other, and was about to open fire when the pilot baled out. His aircraft fell into the sea close to his companion."

## WHITE—BURKE

### SAILING CLUB MEMBERS WED

Miss Joan Margaret Burke, youngest daughter of Mrs G. Burke and the late Mr. B. Burke, of All Saints'-avenue, Margate, and Mr. Harry E. White, Royal Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. White, formerly of Broadstairs and now residing at Letchworth, Herts, were married at Margate Parish Church last week.

The bride, an old girl of Clarendon House County School, and the bridegroom, an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, were both members of Broadstairs Sailing Club. Miss Burke was an employee of Margate Corporation.

Given away by Mr. G. B. Harkness, a friend of her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory satin brocade and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

The bridesmaids were Misses Muriel and Molly Burke (sisters) and Betty Glover (friend). They wore white taffeta gowns with white lace Juliet caps and carried bouquets of sweet peas.

Mr. S. R. Ward was the best man, the choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Beckingham) and Mr. H. E. Shallcross presided at the organ.

A reception was held at the bride's home, and later Mr. and Mrs. White left for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a green coat with floral dress and nigger brown accessories.

# WAR ON CIVILIANS

Private houses damaged during a recent raid on a south-east coast town.

## A REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Surveying the damage to the house from which he and his wife escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. The bed in the upstairs room in which they had been sleeping can be seen above the framework of the doorway.

## WORK OF IMPORTANCE?

### COUNCIL AND LIBRARIAN'S SERVICE

A long discussion as to whether or not application should be made for the deferment or exemption from military service of the Librarian, Mr. G. E. Clarke, was the chief topic of debate at Tuesday's meeting of Margate Council.

Mr. Clarke, who is 32 years of age, took up his appointment in January.

The report of the Library Committee stated that the committee recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for the deferment of service of the Librarian, in view of the fact that the person who would take his place had commenced her duties only in May and would not be fully trained by the time the Librarian would be likely to receive his enlistment notice.

Councillor H. G. Pedder, vice-chairman of the committee, protested that the minute was not accurate as the Town Clerk was instructed to apply for the exemption from military service of the Librarian, and not for deferment.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) explained that immediately he received the decision of the Library Committee he wrote to the Librarian pointing out that the new schedule of reserved occupations did not include librarians and application could only be made for deferment. He asked for the authority under which the committee wished him to apply for exemption and was sent a postscript from a letter from the Librarians' Association stating that in certain circumstances a key librarian could have his service deferred—not exempted.

"I cannot put forward a recommendation which is obviously ineffective," said the Town Clerk. "If the Council, contrary to my advice, wish to apply for exemption of the Librarian from military service, and pass a resolution to that effect this morning, I shall have pleasure in submitting it and seeing what the result is."

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said that, as their legal adviser, it was the Town Clerk's duty to see that the correct procedure was followed.

Councillor Pedder said the committee felt that, if the head of the department were to go, the department would tend to break down.

Alderman G. B. Farrar said he did not consider the issuing of books from a library was a work of national importance.

"Why should we endeavour to keep away from military service or work of national importance a man whose job is looking after a library, which today is not a difficult job?" asked the alderman.

The Council eventually decided that application should be made for the deferment of the Librarian's military service.

## HOSPITAL TO BENEFIT

### MARGATE WAR WEAPONS WEEK BALANCE

"I have made it my duty to try and break down the strange barrier which appears to exist between Birchington and Margate," said the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) when the question of the disposal of the War Weapons Week surplus was considered at a meeting at Margate Town Hall on Wednesday.

The expenses account in respect of Margate showed a balance of about £63. Receipts amounted to £490, including £335 from the exhibition competition, for which 25,285 tickets were sold.

It was reported that the Westgate Committee had a surplus of £87, which was in the bank, and which they wished to be invested in the name of Margate and District General Hospital. The Birchington committee also asked that their surplus of £15 should be similarly invested.

Councillor A. W. Thomson criticised the action of the Westgate and Birchington committees in provisionally allocating their surpluses, saying he thought it was a matter for the general committee.

A resolution moved by Mr. C. C. Maughan that the whole of the surpluses should be invested in the name of the hospital was carried.

An amendment by Councillor Thomson that the Margate surplus should go as a gift to the Government was defeated by eleven votes to six.

It was in opposing this amendment to separate the Margate from the Westgate and Birchington surpluses that the Mayor made the remark quoted above.

A further amendment that the whole of the surpluses should be divided between the hospital, the Spitfire Fund and the Prisoners' of War Fund was also defeated.

Councillor F. J. Cornford explained that at Westgate several residents met all the expenses and collected all the prizes given in connection with the tombola. As a result the tombola itself realised £51.

Mr. C. J. Marlow, secretary to the committee, emphasised the necessity for reviving the Local Savings Committee for the purpose of carrying on the good work begun by War Weapons Week.

Mr. Marlow agreed to call a meeting of those interested to see what could be done.

## MINSTER

Mrs. A. Brey, Newsagent, Minster, wishes to announce that commencing 28th June, One Penny per week will be charged for the delivery of all newspapers, periodicals, etc.

## MILITARY BLAMED

### CARS WITHOUT PERMITS

Criticism of the action of the military authorities in not falling into line with the regulation requiring permits for cars in a Defence Area, which was made at their own request, was made at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Sergt.-Major Herbert White, aged 28, was summoned for not having a permit, driving while uninsured and not having a driving license, and Pte. Robert John Curd was summoned for permitting the use of an uninsured car and driving without a license.

It was stated that White borrowed the car from Curd to drive to Margate.

Chief-Inspr. Fleet pointed out that the military liaison officer had power to issue permits to troops when the use of a car in a defence area was essential.

An officer said a permit had since been issued for the car but he had decided that it should be removed from the area and the permit surrendered. White was a regular soldier with ten years service who came back from Dunkirk, and his foolish conduct might affect his military career.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said such cases were constantly cropping up and although the magistrates would be lenient that day they would be compelled to take more drastic action in the future.

The summons against White for not having a permit was dismissed and he was fined 10s. for not being insured and 10s. for not having a license.

Curd was fined £2 for permitting the use of an uninsured car and 10s. for not having a driving license.

## MET AT DARTS MATCH

### MARGATE DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court on Wednesday Mr. Justice Henn Collins heard the undefended petition of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Maisey, a power station attendant, of College-road, Margate, for a decree of divorce against his wife, Ivy Frances, on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Hector MacDonald Girvan, at an address at Ferndale-road, Clapham, London.

The marriage was in April, 1928, and they lived finally at College-road, Margate. There are two children.

In 1937 petitioner and his wife went to live at Margate, where his wife met Girvan at a darts match. Petitioner was introduced to Girvan and had no idea his wife was in love with him. In December, 1939, on petitioner returning home he found his wife had gone, leaving him a note. Later he traced her to Clapham, where he laid the charge of adultery.

His lordship granted a decree nisi with custody of the children and costs against the co-respondent.

Mrs. Maisey appeared and asked that she might be allowed to see the children, and his lordship said that could be arranged.

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## 25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THE WAR OF 1914-18

The patients of the Granville and Chatham House Canadian Hospitals, Ramsgate, have erected a stone in the Cemetery to the memory of two young children who were killed in an air raid on the town in March. The memorial is in the form of a maple leaf, and bears an inscription of the soldiers' sympathy. Children of a man serving with the Army in France, the victims were killed on their way to Sunday school.

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Only son of Mr. H. E. Boulter, of Ramsgate, 2nd-Lieut. F. H. Boulter, Kent Cyclist Battalion, has been gazetted lieutenant.

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Mr. E. C. Allfree, of the firm of Messrs. Robinson and Allfree, solicitors, of Ramsgate, has joined the ranks of the Royal Garrison Artillery. He has for some months been doing duty as a special constable at Broadstairs.

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Mr. A. T. Grummant, of Ramsgate, is again in civilian clothes after many months in uniform, having left the Service following a breakdown in health while in Flanders.

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Serving with the R.F.A., Mr. Ernest Hodgman, of Ramsgate, has been promoted to the rank of Farrier-sergeant. He was one of the pioneers of the Ramsgate detachment of the V.T.C.

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Pte. Cecil A. Witts, younger brother of Capt. C. S. F. Witts, The Buffs, has received his commission from the Inns of Court, O.T.C. Attached to The Buffs, the young officer has already seen service in India, but was discharged for health reasons. He later joined the O.T.C. and hopes to rejoin the Army.

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Father of six children, Pte. J. Watson, The Buffs, has been killed in action, it is announced in the latest Army casualty list. He lived at La Belle Alliance-square, Ramsgate.

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A Ramsgate man who was on board a British warship which took part in the Battle of Jutland writes that the fleet was in action against the enemy for only six minutes. "But you can take it from me" he adds "that it was a lively few minutes." His three brothers are also serving their country.

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Twenty years of age, Sergt. H. C. Hammond, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, who is serving with the City of London Regiment, is now known to be a prisoner of war. He was formerly a postman at Broadstairs. Rifleman A. E. Harris, City of London Regiment, of Oscar-road, Broadstairs, who was also a postman at Broadstairs, has been posted missing. Another local man known to have been captured by the Germans is Stoker W. Pritchard, a survivor of H.M.S. Nomad, which took part in the Battle of Jutland.

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Mr. F. C. Wilks, of Broadstairs, has on view some relics of Zeppelin L15, which was brought down off the mouth of the Thames recently.

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Pte. Jack Pettit, Essex Regiment, son of Mr. Jethro Pettit, Broadstairs Harbourmaster, is in hospital at Cairo, suffering from an attack of malaria. A keen footballer, Pte. Pettit had played for Ramsgate and Broadstairs teams, and also for the county.

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Stoker Harry Maxted, of Speke-road, St. Peter's, who lost his life when H.M.S. Hampshire was sunk, has been buried in the Cemetery on the Island of Hoy, at the Orkneys.

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At a meeting of the Watch Committee on Friday, Mr. S. F. Butler, 35-year-old deputy Chief Constable of Wallasey, was appointed Chief Constable of Ramsgate in succession to Mr. W. B. Jones, who retires this month. Mr. Butler, a man with 12 years service as a policeman, was chosen from four selected candidates.

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Owing to the shortage of men, Margate Town Council decided to close the Tivoli-road sub-fire station.

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Born on 20th June, 1815, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, of Minster, celebrated her 101st birthday.

## 50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THE DEPARTED

There is a very funny old-world sort of placard affixed to the garden wall of a house in the suburbs at Ramsgate, bearing the unpronounceable name of Steinschaenau. It commences with the ominous preamble "Ten Pounds Reward. Whereas divers offences," etc. On reading the list of divers offences we find that they include "poultry-taking, bell breaking, wall chipping," and so on. The terrible list of offences completed, we find that anyone giving information such as will lead to the detection of the offenders, to "Thomas Philpott, constable, St. Lawrence," will receive the reward. Such is the irony of fate. The old notice board is overgrown with ivy and should anyone be so fortunate as to claim the reward they will find that Thomas Philpott, constable, of St. Lawrence, has been in another place for many years past.

### SHEEP-SHEARING COMPETITION

The Isle of Thanet Agricultural Association held its first sheep-shearing competition in Mr. Goodson's marsh, near Minster railway station, on Wednesday. There were 19 competitors, and prizes were won by Mr. J. Collins, Mr. N. Sladden and Mr. G. Harlow. Some 40 people later sat down to luncheon provided by Host Tyler at the Bell Inn, when the prizes were distributed by the president, the Rev. A. Whitehead.

### MUSICAL HONOURS

"Many Happy returns of the Day" was the cheerful refrain played by the Town Band outside the residence of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate on Wednesday morning. It was the 51st birthday of our worthy Chief Constable, Mr. Buss. We also join the band in our congratulations, quite as sincere if not so musical.

## A YEAR AGO

The first names of a large number of local men to have fallen for their country during the last stages of the fighting in France and Flanders were announced in casualty lists. Gnr.-Driver R. E. Scoates, of King-street, Ramsgate, an old boy of St. George's School, was killed in action with the Royal Artillery, and Mr. C. Balster, of Chapel-place, Ramsgate, it was announced, had lost his life when his ship was lost. News was also received that 2nd-Lieut. P. Gummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gummer, of Codrington-road, had been posted missing while serving with a field ambulance unit in Flanders.

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The first news of life in the Midlands was received from Ramsgate teachers and children evacuated to Staffordshire, and by all accounts they were happily settled in their new homes.

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The Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. B. Farrar) announced that all young men waiting to be called-up were eligible to join his "broomstick" army. Arrangements were made for young men wearing their own clothes and carrying broomsticks in place of rifles to parade at a local car park, and undergo rudimentary training.

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A total of 375 Thanet men of the 28 age group registered for military service.

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It was announced that the last meeting would be held at Dumpton Park Greyhound racecourse, Ramsgate, owing to the difficulties of continuing meetings.

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After dropping 30 small bombs in the sea a Heinkel bomber, shot down by British fighters, landed on the beach at Margate and three of the crew were taken prisoner by Home Guards.

## MECHANICS CHARGED

### CAMERA IN PROHIBITED AREA

"It was a very dear camera," remarked a man as he handed over the fine imposed on him by the magistrates at Ramsgate County police court, on Tuesday, for taking photographs in a prohibited area.

Albert Henry James was summoned for being in possession of a camera in a prohibited area and also with taking photographs, and Henry Bodiella was summoned for taking photographs.

Both men were stated to be employed by a firm of aeroplane manufacturers.

Mr. E. R. G. Weale, who prosecuted, said that on 13th May James purchased a camera at a Margate shop. Apparently he was not conversant with the mechanism and took it into a prohibited area in order to show Bodiella. They took photographs of each other and a number of other photographs. None of these photographs had any value as neither of the men understood how to use the camera properly.

The two defendants were seen by some soldiers, and James was seen to walk away with a mackintosh over his arm and the camera concealed beneath it. On the way to the guard room James did a stupid thing. He asked the soldiers to give him a chance to get rid of the film in the camera, as he knew he ought not to have done what he did. When the soldiers refused to allow him to dispose of the film he tried to get at it himself and throw it away, but was prevented from doing so.

The police, however, were satisfied that it was simply a stupid, thoughtless act on the part of the two defendants. There was no question at all of any subversive conduct or of doing anything at all which might assist the enemy.

Defendants were fined 20s. on each summons and each was ordered to pay £1 1s. costs.

"It was all my fault," said James, who said he would pay all the fines.

## HOLLYWOOD FAVOURITES

### AT KING'S THEATRE

Two of 20th Century-Fox's most successful screen vehicles, starring some of Hollywood's favourite stars, come to the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"Down Argentine Way," the gay technicolour film which heads the bill for the first four days, brings to the screen Don Ameche, Betty Grable and lovely Carmen Moranda, the sensational singing star, in her film debut. The story is about a young lady who travels 6,000 miles from New York to Argentine to get her revenge on a man friend, and she finds Cupid hard at work at her destination. Comedy, romance and music all combine to make first class entertainment.

The programme includes "The Gay Caballero," with Cesar Romero and Sheila Ryan.

Inspector Hornleigh has his most exciting adventure in "Inspector Hornleigh Goes to It," which will be the main attraction for the latter part of the week. Gordon Harker has the role of the famous inspector, and Alastair Sim is seen as his not-so-bright assistant. Phyllis Calvert and Edward Chapman are also in the cast of this thrilling tale of fifth columnists and spies who do their utmost to impede the war effort. The picture was directed by Walter Forde.

The supporting picture, "Dark Rapture," filmed and recorded on the Denis-Roosevelt expedition to the Belgian Congo, is a dramatic revelation of life in the jungle, and brings to light many secrets of tribal rites and ceremonies.

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Tail-Wagger Chats.

## KEEP YOUR DOG TIDY

By PHILOKUON

Keep you dog tidy. A dirty dog is an eyesore and an offence to the nostrils as well as being a discomfort to himself.

I cannot say that all dogs infested with fleas or more noxious insects are necessarily neglected, but the majority of them are, for dirt is a breeding ground of parasites.

There are other reasons why house-dogs should be groomed every day besides that of discouraging insect development. We all ought to take a pride in the appearance of our dogs. Visitors to shows go in raptures over the beauty of the exhibits, not always on account of their merits, for the ordinary man or woman is not an expert on such matters, so much as of their smartness. Exhibitors take a pride in putting down their dogs in the best possible condition, one of the contributory causes being intensive grooming for several weeks before the show. This puts a beautiful gloss on the coat, and prevents long coats from becoming tangled.

Naturally, short-coated animals are less trouble to groom than the long. It does not take more than a minute or two to brush them, and a final polish can be put on with a hair glove, which is excellent for removing scurf and dust, or a clean towel. Massaging with the bare hands is another method that is to be recommended. It is beneficial to the skin as well as making the coat shine.

Long-haired dogs should be well brushed with a dandy brush or one of those sold specially for the purpose. With most of them we work in the direction of the growth of hair, but some that have stand-off coats, such as Chow chows, Pomeranians and Samoyeds, should be done in the reverse direction.

Pay special attention to the hair at the back of the ears, which often becomes matted. Several times a week use a comb carefully, seeing that it works thoroughly through the hair, and taking care not to break the coat, thus spoiling its beauty. The smaller and more delicate toys need soft brushes, or perhaps two, the harder being used for the longer coat and the soft for the underparts. Pekingese breeders often sprinkle a mixture of boracic and bay rum on the coat before brushing. With these dogs the channels under the eyes down which tears may run should be cleansed daily.

Wire-haired terriers are much smarter if they are trimmed several times a year. This is a job for an exeprt, though it can be done at home with the aid of written directions. As terriers of this kind should have coats that are of a harsh texture too much washing is not to be recommended, dry-cleaning being preferable. Powdered chalk rubbed into the coat and then brushed out thoroughly is a cleansing agent used by exhibitors.

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# RAMSGATE

**Estimates for Removal or Storage.**—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

**Over the Limit.**—Allan Scott Tomlinson, of Bursill-crescent, Ramsgate, was fined 40s. at St. Augustine's petty sessions on Wednesday for exceeding the speed limit in a built-up area.

**Things we are wanting to buy**—Old Gold, Silver and Jewellery, Prism and Field glasses and we are willing to pay a good price—Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

**Dancer's Success.**—Miss Mafea (Fay) Hollingsworth, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth, of the Brown Jug, Dumpton, was recently successful in an all-England dancing competition arranged by the Sunshine Home for Babies. She was awarded first place for tap-dancing, character and national dancing, second place in the song and dance section, third in a duet dance contest, and ourth in ballet. There were 400 competitors and Miss Hollingsworth gained the senior gold medal with 502 marks out of a possible 600. It is the second time in succession that she has won the tap dancing prize in a national contest.

# MARGATE

**Ensa Concert.**—Constance Cummings, Nat D. Ayres, Diana Wynyard, John Clements and several other stars took part in another Ensa concert for the troops at the Regal Cinema, Margate, last week. Naunton Wayne was the compere and the show was arranged by Mr. Ben Levy, husband of Miss Cummings. A regimental band and other musical items were included in the programme.

**Van Not Immobilised.**—Claude Boucher Hosking, of Northdown-road, Margate, was fined £2 at Margate police court, on Wednesday, for failing to immobilise a motor van. P/C Overy said he found the van at the rear of premises in Northdown-road, and was able to start the engine with an ignition key. Defendant stated that the man responsible for immobilising the cars used by the firm had left the previous week, and defendant had shown a new employee how to do it but it had not been done.

## ALDERMAN'S ILLNESS

### OPERATION AT CANTERBURY HOSPITAL

Alderman W. T. Smith, of Ramsgate, who has been unwell for some time past, underwent a serious operation at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on Wednesday.

The operation was successfully performed but Alderman Smith is seriously ill and is likely to be in hospital for some weeks.

A former Mayor of the borough, Alderman Smith is chairman of the local Education Committee.

### FUNERAL OF MISS A. COUBRO

The funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on Tuesday of Miss Annie Coubro, formerly of Eagle House, Broadstairs, who died at Nottingham last week, aged 82 years.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Bailey), and Miss Coubro was laid to rest in the grave of her sister, who died about a month ago.

Wreaths were received from Mrs. E. Mossop (St. Ives); Sam and Henry Mossop (Marshchapel); Major and Mrs. Coubro and Juliet (Radlett); James B. Coubro (Henley-on-Thames); Mrs. and Miss Carter (Southport); Mrs. E. S. Carlisle (Broadstairs); Miss M. Trueman and Miss L. F. Smith (Nottingham); Mrs. Johnson (Nottingham); Nurse Guy (Nottingham).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son, of York-street, Broadstairs.

### MARGATE SOLDIER WOUNDED

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bussey, of Beatrice-road, Margate, L/Bdr. Victor James Bussey, who is serving with the Royal Artillery in the Middle East, has been wounded, and in a letter to Mrs. Bussey an officer states that the injury is not serious.

L/Bdr. Bussey, who is 24 years of age, has been in the Middle East since the beginning of the year. He was called up with the Territorial Army shortly before the outbreak of war.

A well-known sportsman, Bussey played for Bobby's Sports Club and Bobby's Cricket Club. An old boy of Salmestone School, he was employed by a firm of printers before the war.

*Job For Life*

TWO Germans met in Paris. Carl said to Frits: "Have you a good job here?"

"Yes, I have a very good job. I sit on the Eiffel Tower and watch for the English to wave the white flag," said Frits.

"Is it good pay?" asked Carl.

"Not much," Frits answered, "but it's for life."

## A WINERY IN SURREY

### SOME GRAND BRITISH WINES

There are some truly excellent British wines produced in this country. The producers are Vine Products Ltd., and their winery—a modern model of its kind—is situated at Kingston, Surrey. These wines are produced from the concentrated juice of Empire-grown grapes, which is shipped to this country in bulk.

Few people in this country know anything about the technique of vintnery, so a question which is likely to arise in their minds is how is it that concentrated grape juice keeps in perfect condition during its journey over thousands of miles of sea? The answer is a simple one. The excess of sugar in concentrated grape juice prevents fermentation, for the natural grape sugar content is increased by evaporating a percentage of the water in the juice of the grape. When the juice arrives at Kingston, Surrey, the wine production proceeds by the process of fermentation as it has since time was and in every wine district in the world.

The British wines produced by the House of Vine Products are sold under the brand name of Point. They are produced by men who have a life-long experience of the art of vintnery. Their character, quality and bouquet are remarkable; their price is surprisingly low. There are four Point wines—Red Point, a mature, mellow, fruity, ruby wine of port character; White Point, a white, sweet wine of port character with an exquisite bouquet and flavour; Amber Point, a British sherry of supreme quality and palate; and Green Point, a full strength ginger wine of high quality. Green Point is retailed at 1s. 9d. per bottle, while Red, White and Amber Point cost 3s. 6d. per bottle, 1s. 10d. per half-flask and 1s. 2d. per quarter-flask.

"This is a battle in which the people of England mean to conquer or die. There is no retreat. On this island we must fight or fail. That is the situation. That is the reality we face."—Lord Beaverbrook.


WHIST Scoring Cards.—The cheapest in the district at the "Advertiser" Printing Works, Church-hill, Ramsgate.


THE FOOD FRONT

## HOW TO DRY PEAS AND BROAD BEANS

Housewives with good crops of peas and broad beans in their gardens will want to save some of this summer abundance for winter use.

This is how to do it.

It is best to scald peas and beans before drying as this not only improves the colour but actually shortens the drying time.

Drop the vegetables into boiling water and boil for 2 or 3 minutes. Drain them well before you start the drying process.

If you have time, it is a good plan to "pop" the skins off the peas and beans before drying. The skins can be removed and put into the pig bucket and the peas and beans will then fall into two halves. This will enable them to dry more quickly.

Vegetables should be dried as quickly as possible without scorching. For most vegetables the heat should not be more than 150 degrees f. The door of the oven or airing cupboard is best left open as this allows the moisture to escape. The drying process must be continued until the peas and beans are quite crisp.

You can use the heat from a kitchen fire. Sling a good big piece of muslin hammock-wise under the rack above the range and spread the peas and beans on the muslin. Be sure to cover them when you clean the range of rake out the ashes to protect them from dust.

The hot water system can be brought into service. Spread peas and beans on a piece of muslin on the warmest shelf in the airing cupboard or on top of the tank. Leave them there with the door ajar.

For drying in a gas or electric oven it is best to use simple home-made drying trays (or cake racks if you have them).

To make the trays you need four slats of wood fastened together to form a frame which will fit the oven. Cover the frame with muslin, wire netting or any open material you happen to have handy. An old lace or net curtain is a good as anything.

Spread the peas and beans on the tray, put in the oven and leave the door ajar.

**The drying need not be done all at once.** A good economy tip is to use the heat left in the oven after baking. Give them a good hour or so then continue the drying the next day. It will not harm peas and beans if they are given several good "bouts" of heat over a period of days.

When quite dry do not pack your peas and beans at once. Leave them for 12 hours to cool thoroughly, then pack them in paper bags or in any kind of jars or tins. Take a look at them from time to time to see that they are keeping well.

If properly dried your store of vegetables should remain in excellent condition and they will serve you well next winter.

# BROADSTAIRS

**Rector's Will.**—The Rev. L. L. Edwards, former Rector of Broadstairs, who died in February, left £3,033.

**Mrs. F. M. Digby.**—The funeral took place at St. Peter's, on Thursday, of Mrs. Selina Mary Digby, of Percy-road, Broadstairs, who died at her home on Sunday, aged 81 years. Mrs. Digby was the widow of Mr. Kenelm Digby, who lived for many years in Broadstairs.

**Companions Entertainment.**—Members of St. Peter's Good Companions were entertained by the Women's Thursday Club in connection with Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, at a meeting held in the gardens of The Banks, lent by Mrs. Vye.

**Back Home.**—Mr. Alfred Summers, a Broadstairs man who was landed on a Pacific island after his ship had been torpedoed by a German raider in December last, has reached this country and, together with his wife, is expected to visit his home shortly. They are at present staying at Lambourn, Berks.

**Whist Winners.**—Prizewinners at the whist drive held by the Broadstairs and St. Peter's branch of the R.N.O.C.A. held at the Rose Inn, last week, were: Mr. Flannagan, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Jenkins, Miss Fowler, Mr. Pallant and Mr. Fowler. Shipmate E. Thirkettle was the M.C. and Mrs. Silver distributed the prizes.

**W.V.S. Whist.**—An onion and some flowers, which were sold at the weekly whist drive held at Broadstairs W.V.S. Centre, on Wednesday, produced 2s. in aid of the wool fund. There were eight tables in play at the drive and Mrs. Weir, the M.C., was assisted by Mrs. Holden. Prizewinners were Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. E. Smith and Mrs. Riddalls.

**United Worship.**—At a meeting at the Vale Congregational Church, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, members expressed a desire for the continuance of united free church services, which have been held in the town for the past 12 months. The Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie presided, and the Rev. F. H. Wheeler, Moderator of the Southern Province, was present. It was stated that the financial position of the Vale Congregational Church was satisfactory.

**Funeral of Mrs. F. Spratt.**—A resident of St. Peter's for more than 50 years, Mrs. Fanny Spratt, widow of Mr. William Spratt, was buried at St. Peter's on Tuesday. Mrs. Spratt, who was 83 years of age, was evacuated from Thanet last year and died at Farnborough Hospital. Together with her husband, who died in 1929, and was for 40 years employed by a local farmer, Mrs. Spratt was for many years among the guests at the old folks' annual tea. The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith officiated.

## MODEST HERO

### STOKER TWYMAN MISSING

After three years' service with the Navy, Stkr. John (Jack) Twyman, an old boy of Margate Central School, has been reported missing, presumed killed in action.

Twenty-three years of age, Twyman was serving aboard H.M.S. Calcutta, which was lost during the evacuation of Crete.

Son of L/Corpl. and Mrs. J. Twyman, formerly of Canterbury-road, who are now living at King's-road, Egham, Surrey, Stkr. Twyman will be remembered as the young man who ran away when a crowd of people cheered him for diving into the sea to help a drowning man at Margate in August two years ago.

Born in Margate, he was educated at St. John's and Central Schools, before obtaining employment with a local grocer. He was at one time a member of All Saints' Church choir, and the Garlinge Silver Band.

His father, an old soldier, is serving with the R.A.S.C.

### BUFFS CASUALTIES

The latest War Office casualty lists include Ptes. E. J. Barber, R. Dodge, F. D. Everett and J. W. Laen, of The Buffs, who have been killed.

Other members of the regiment who have died are Ptes. J. Batten, R. D. S. Harrison and R. E. Molyneux.

"It is quite clear that against all the odds—which were very long—the great proportion of the evacuation venture may now be called successful."—The Minister of Health.

## SPREAD THE RICKS

### TO SPREAD THE RISK

We must be prepared for enemy attacks this summer against our food supplies—against food in our own fields as well as in ships on the Atlantic. Ricks are promising targets, a rick lost means lost fodder that cannot be replaced. In fact the loss of a large rick might be equivalent to the loss of a small dairy herd.

The following are some of the precautions that will help to defeat the designs of the enemy.

Ricks should be dispersed to the utmost possible extent. Not more than two or three should be put near together and even these should be at least 15 yards apart.

Whenever possible, ricks should be built in the fields and not concentrated in stackyards or Dutch barns. Nor should they be made unduly large. Ricks should be kept away from inflammable material, such as loose straw. When built on stubble, a good wide strip should be ploughed all round.

Ricks should not be made near buildings, especially other people's houses. Complaints were received about this last year.

Ricks on the skyline are easy meat for low-flying aircraft using incendiaries or tracer bullets. So tops of ridges or rises should be avoided.

If ricks are made in lines, it is obviously sensible to build them across the direction of the prevailing wind, so that one is less likely to set another alight.

Wherever pumps are available, they should be kept handy, with plenty of water.

Machinery and implements should not be left beside ricks, in case they are also lost if misfortune occurs.

## SUMMER SAVINGS

### BROADSTAIRS GROUPS TO EQUIP SOLDIERS

During the summer savings campaign for a period of 13 weeks from 1st July, each of the Broadstairs savings groups is to attempt to raise a sum of £20, the cost of the full equipment of one soldier.

Mr. F. J. Portch, assistant commissioner of the National Savings Committee, explained the scheme to the Broadstairs and St. Peter's War Weapons Week and National Savings Committee, at a meeting at Pierremont Hall on Friday.

The chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) spoke of the urgent need for savings and outlining the scheme pointed out that the idea was for each group to select a weapon and endeavour to produce the cost of the weapon by war savings.

Councillor Pearson said if they worked as well as they did for Weapons Week the success of the scheme was certain.

Mr. E. F. Owen (Clerk to the Council) was appointed secretary of the joint committee; and the following committees were elected to serve the wards of the town: Pierremont—Miss Waite, Miss Wiles, Miss Brown, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Lodge; Central—Mrs. Ward, Mr. F. H. Ward, the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey), Mr. Rowland, Mr. Haggis; Kingsgate—Mr. Bowman, Miss Green, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, Mr. Sheppard; St. Peter's—Councillor H. Noble, with others to be elected.

## HOME DAMAGED

### CAR WITHOUT PERMIT IN DEFENCE AREA

Paying a visit to Ramsgate, where his home had been damaged by enemy action, Horace Reginald Mackinson aged 52, machinist, of Willenhall, Coventry, drove his car into the defence area without a permit.

At Ramsgate police court on Monday Mackinson was fined £1.

In a letter to the court Mackinson said he was visiting the town in connection with repairs to his house. On the way down he was stopped by the military authorities but when he told them of the nature of his business he was allowed to proceed.

P/S Rogers, who saw the car standing on the sea front, said Mackinson told him he did not know it was necessary to have a permit to bring a car into the area.

### THE EGG CONTROL SCHEME

The egg control scheme has undergone some modifications since the first partial details were published. The dividing line between commercial and domestic producers is now drawn at 50 hens instead of 12. All producers will be allowed to retain eggs for their own consumption. Commercial producers will have to sell their eggs to the Government packing stations. Domestic producers will be allowed to sell their eggs to a packing station or through prescribed channels, which will be defined shortly.

The most interesting point is that the price to be paid by the packing station to the producer for his eggs will be higher than the price at which eggs will sell to the public. Accordingly there will be a strong incentive to sell to the packing station. A Government subsidy will bridge the gap between the two prices.

# WESTGATE

**Drove Without License.**—A fine of 10s. was imposed at Margate police court on Wednesday on Edward Hancock, of Linksfield-road, Westgate, who was summoned for driving a motor lorry without holding a license. P/S Stoneham said when he stopped defendant in Park-lane, Birchington, Hancock produced a license which had expired in December last. He said it was an oversight.

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## FREEDOM IN CHAINS

By G. D. H. COLE*

It is an old assertion that freedom, in its quintessence, lives in the mind of man, and cannot be overthrown by any force of external circumstances. On this showing, Prometheus, chained to his rock, was free because his will was untamed and was still its own master. Satan was free, albeit free for evil, because he defied Jehovah instead of cringing before him. Lovelace was free behind his iron bars.

But all these were free, to the extent that they were so, because they possessed unshakeable purposes. They knew what they wanted, and were strong enough in their confidence to continue standing for it against all odds. Dimitrov remained free, in this sense, like Prometheus, when he was in Hitler's prison; and possible Hitler, like Satan, would remain free, in a not dissimilar sense, if fortune sent him to some new St. Helena. This sort of freedom is the prerogative, not only of every martyr assured of salvation, but of every fanatic, of any sort, who is so utterly confident of his own cause as to be past the possibility of doubting either himself or it.

This freedom, however, is not for the vast majority of men, who have no such all-mastering assurance either in themselves or in the cause in which they have come to believe. They, no more than the martyrs and the fanatics, can enjoy freedom, or be conscious of enjoying it, without **some** belief both in themselves and in causes, or social groups, extending beyond themselves to embrace other men. But there is a great difference between **all**-belief, and **some**. Some belief implies the presence of doubts, of possible clashes between one partly accepted belief and another, and, above all, of a limit to the extent to which belief, or not-belief, effectively guides a man in action or occupies his mind.

The less decisively we believe in ourselves, or in causes which we make our own, the more is freedom a matter, for us, of the absence of galling external restraints. If we are intellectuals, who believe that truth matters, without the confidence that we have made it our own, we want freedom to experiment, to discuss frankly, to make contact with varying types of experience. If we are not intellectuals, we want what is at bottom the same thing in different forms—freedom to live after our own fashions, to go our own ways, subject to a minimum of legal or social compulsion.

These desires, however, do not stand alone; for even deeper down in man than the desire for freedom is the desire for the society of his fellows. A man needs at least some group to which he is bound by community of sentiment and behaviour. The advance of civilisation has hitherto meant on the whole an increase in reconciliation of these desires. It has consisted largely of a reconciliation of the need for broad uniformity over wide areas with the need for difference, which is the expression of freedom; and this has been brought about largely by multiplying the opportunities for men to associate freely in small groups, while retaining their connection, based on a general identity of habit, speech and tradition, with the larger groups which are called nations.

But now, in the present conjuncture of world affairs, these forces, hitherto largely in alliance, have ceased to work together. The immensely rapid advance of mechanisation has disastrously centralised power, far beyond the ordinary man's capacity to control its exercise. Out of this situation came, in industry and finance, huge capitalist combines, which pulverise the small employer as well as the independent artisan; and out of it comes the Juggernaut State, claiming to organise the entire life of its subjects after a prescribed pattern of national uniformity—from which the step is short to the attempt to impose racial domination.

Before this outcome of mechanisation, democracy in the forms which it has assumed in most countries stands nearly helpless at the first onset. If it has never succeeded in controlling the great capitalist trusts—and it has not—how can it be expected to stand up against the immensely greater power of the centralised mechanical State? To the extent to which democracy does find means of resistance, its strength is drawn, not from its voting power (a power which dictators know well how to turn against it by plebiscites and state-directed propaganda), but rather from the coherence and capacity for common action of such smaller groups—local, vocational, religious, or indeed or any sort—as exist within it, and are small and manageable enough to assert their will to be free. It was this spontaneity of action, widely diffused among the people, that saved Great Britain after the fall of France—not unaided by certain aristocratic qualities in those sections of the British upper classes which are least poisoned by the spirit of mechanical commercialism and least disposed to worship at the shrine of giant power. For here real democracy and aristocracy run together—aristocracy having something in common with the spirit of group association that pervades the strata of the common people that are lifted above the helplessness of the "bottom dogs."

The values that bind together the numbers of these limited groups, and can on occasion, as in the old days of Magna Carta, bind many of them together for tasks of common defence, are **freedoms**. They are the assertions of rights, of freedom to act as each group wishes to act, subject only to the general necessities of the larger society within which they exist. Now, for ordinary men, as distinct from saints and fanatics, the sense of freedom in the mind, which is of course what finally matters, is conditional on the possession, to a sufficient degree, of these external rights and freedoms. In the last resort, there are the political freedoms which it is worth while for ordinary people to defend, even at a high cost.

If these freedoms are weak in a society, its power of democratic resistance will be weak too. But if these freedoms are lost, and the smaller societies through which alone they can be effectively asserted are broken up, men will be all at sea till they can find for them some substitute, however counterfeit. It is the essence of totalitarian states to go all out to provide such counterfeits, by creating for all their subjects of the ruling race the myth of a freedom to be realised for the individual in and through the Leviathen State. Moreover, to make this counterfeit more plausible there must be erected social and racial groups to which this bastard freedom is to be denied—Jews, Slavs, Latin races, any groups to which a plausible taint of inferiority can be attributed.

Lost souls, deprived of the freedoms of their smaller groups and societies, became easily the prey of this type of propaganda. The sense of freedom they must create in their minds somehow—even out of the least promising ingredients. Without it, they are unhappy, however circumstanced with it, however ill-grounded, they can contrive to manage their inner lives not too miserably.

This is the strength of Hitler's appeal; and our power of resisting it depends on our ability to keep alive, and to foster in our midst, under the inclement conditions of war, the real spirit of freedom, that is based on groups small and coherent enough for simple men to control them by acting together, and on the effective action of these groups within and upon the larger society which we call the State. If we want to survive, keeping our traditions and our ways of life, we must cleave to our little democracies upon which alone a true democracy can be built on a larger scale. We shall not win the war by aping Totalitarianism, but by encouraging and utilising every instrument of the free spirit which can be summoned to help the common cause.

## DRIVER JAMES BERRY

### BROADSTAIRS MAN MISSING

One of three brothers serving in the Army, Dvr. James Berry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, of Gladstone-road, Broadstairs, has been reported missing while on active service with the R.A.S.C. in North Africa.

Joining the Army soon after the outbreak of war, Dvr. Berry was safely evacuated from Dunkirk and shortly after being home on leave last year he was drafted overseas. Before the war he was a chef at St. Peter's Court School, and was an instructor with the St. Peter's Baptist Church Lads' Brigade.

His brother Charles, who is also in the Middle East, is with the Royal Corps of Signals and Harold is stationed in England with The Buffs.

## MERCHANT SEAMAN

### IMPRISONED BY NAZIS

Mr. Henry Robert Spencer, of Sweyn-road, Margate, fourth officer on a merchant ship which was sunk by a German raider last August, is a prisoner of war at Stalag XB, Marlag, Germany. The ship was shelled for two and a half hours.

In January it was reported by the International Red Cross that Mr. Spencer was among 20 survivors who were still aboard the raider.

Mr. Spencer entered the merchant service as an apprentice at the age of 16 and rejoined in April, 1939, after working as an insurance agent.

His wife is now living at High Wycombe.

### SQUADRON-LEADER BUTLER

Son of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler), Flt.-Lieut. Vernon Butler, R.A.F., has been promoted squadron-leader.

Educated at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Sqdn.-Ldr. Butler went to an R.A.F. officers' training college on leaving school and since the outbreak of war has been in action in numerous spheres.


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### Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIAGES

**Christian—Ralphs.**—14th June, at Ramsgate Register Office, 2nd-Lieut. Francis Bilton Christian, of Leicester, to Daphne Louise Ralphs, of Cliftonville, Margate.

**Food—Butler.**—14th June, at West Malling, Corpl. Henry Edward Food, R.A.S.C., of Minster, to Gwendoline Mary Butler, of Ramsgate.

**White—Burke.**—14th June, at St. John's Parish Church, Margate, by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Beckingham), Harry E. White, Royal Navy, of Broadstairs, to Joan Margaret Burke, of Margate.

**Weare—Southern.**—17th June, at St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. P. Cowland Cooper, Pte. Charles Weare, Hampshire Regiment, of East Stratton, Winchester, to Gwendoline Irene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Southern, of Newington, Ramsgate.

DEATHS

**Digby.**—15th June, at Broadstairs, Selina Mary, widow of Kenelm Digby. Funeral service took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday.

**Grummant.**—[illegible] June, at Boscombe, Joseph Charles Grummant, of The Acre, London-road, Ramsgate, in his 72nd year. No mourning by request.

**Knighton.**—16th June, at Manor Farm, Yardley Gobion, Northampton, Prudence Emily Knighton, of Yardley Gobion and Margate, aged 67 years.

IN MEMORIAM

**Norman.**—In affectionate remembrance of Hilbert Charles Norman, Headmaster of Chatham House School, who died 17th June, 1937. Remembered by School and Old Boys.

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